



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Call for Nominations for Bureau of Land Management New Mexico

#### Resource Advisory Councils

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and Southern New Mexico RAC that have vacant positions and/or members whose terms are scheduled to or have expired. These RACs provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the National System of Public Lands within their geographic areas.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received no later than [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations and completed applications should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Sandoval, BLM New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508, email: [aesandoval@blm.gov](mailto:aesandoval@blm.gov), or by telephone at (505) 954-2019. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) at 7-1-1 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The TRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a

message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by the BLM through the establishment of 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are managed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR subpart 1784. The RACs include the following three membership categories:

Category One - Holders of Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the RAC is organized; represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way; represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; represent the commercial timber industry; or represent energy and mineral development.

Category Two - Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interests; or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.

Category Three – Hold state, county, or local elected office; are employed by a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water; represent Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or represent the affected public at large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. This is an additional call for nominations. If you have already applied in 2020 or 2021, and your nomination is still being considered, you do not need to reapply. Nominees must be residents of the State of New Mexico. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and knowledge of the geographic area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

The following must accompany all nominations:

- A completed RAC application, which can either be obtained through your local BLM office or online at:  
[https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/1120-019\\_0.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/1120-019_0.pdf)
- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations; and
- Any other information that addresses the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, the BLM will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations.

Nominations and completed applications for RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed below:

### **New Mexico**

#### Northern New Mexico RAC

Jillian Aragon, BLM Farmington Field Office, 6251 College Boulevard, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87402; Phone: (505) 564-7722.

#### Southern New Mexico RAC

William Wight, BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005; Phone: (575) 525-4444.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-1)

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